# Getting and Cleaning Data - Week 2

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## Reading from MySQL

• A default chunk option to show code in the markdown file without printing the output {r setup, include=FALSE} knitr::opts\_chunk\$set(echo = T, results = "hide")

Individual chunks can be modified if necessary {r analysis, results="markup"}

• Sometimes warnings appear that may not affect the code or can be safely ignored. To remove these warning messages from the markdown file, use:

```
knitr::opts\_chunk\$set(warning = FALSE, message = FALSE)
```

```
# Load package
library(RMySQL)
```

## Loading required package: DBI

- dbConnect (command) connect to databases, in this case it is a MySQL database
- Host where the database (MySQL) can be found
- ucscDb handle assigned to the connection always assign each connection a handle
- **dbGetQuery** (command) used to pass commands to the database.

  In the example, "show databases" is a MySQL command that is sent to the database through the dbGetQuery function.
- dbDisconnect (command) disconnect from the server (MySQL)

  Always important to disconnect from the server when finished retieving or analysing data
- "[1] True "confirms that we disconnected from the server

#### Getting Dimensions of a Specific Table

```
dbListFields(hg19, "affyU133Plus2")
# Lists fields in the table "affyU133Plus2", found in the hg19 database

dbGetQuery(hg19, "select count(*) from affyU133Plus2")
# Returns the number of elements in that table
```

#### Reading from the Table

```
affyData <- dbReadTable(hg19, "affyU133Plus2")
head(affyData)
# Reads the table or data frame for affyU133Plus2
```

### Selecting a Specific Subset

```
query <- dbSendQuery(hg19, "select * from affyU133Plus2 where misMatches between 1 and 3")
affyMis <- fetch(query); quantile(affyMis$misMatches)
# Selects a subset of the data
affyMisSmall <- fetch(query, n=10); dbClearResult(query);</pre>
```

- If you only want a small subset of the data (instead of, say, an entire table), you can specify : e.g. fetch(query, n=10) to return only the first 10 rows
- After sending a query (dbSendQuery), you need to clear the query (dbClearResult(query))

```
dim(affyMisSmall)
```

#### Close the Connection

```
dbDisconnect(hg19)
```

- Remember to close the server as soon as you do not need it anymore, i.e. when you're finished retrieving or analysing the data
- Might be useful: http://www.r-bloggers.com/mysql-and-r/